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To The Department of Justice -

I would like to urge you to discontinue any further litigation in the Microsoft case. I believe that the actions taken against Microsoft 2+ years ago spurred the most devastating recession in this nation's history and it is time for the Government to do the right thing and stop this direction. One could argue the direct correlation to the economic downturn, but I challenge you to look at the statistical data about tech performance and economic performance since the DOJ first took action against Microsoft, if you are so inclined to "argue."

It is beyond time for this country to heal, from Sept. 11 and from the downturn in our economy. In order to do this, the strongest, most talented, most productive company in the United States should be allowed to perform without intervention of the government. Microsoft's business practices that were once challenged no longer exist and, in fact, the market is different and there are many other companies who have technology that could essentially, lock out competition. However, I am not advocating that the DOJ even attempt to identify these companies. I am advocating that for profit companies who may compete in these areas, including Microsoft, should be smart enough and tough enough to ensure they can compete. Clearly, the government can only dilute excellent performance in an industry it knows little about. Actions against private industries are detrimental to our country's economic health. Please, I urge you to end the Microsoft case now.

If there is something you want to look at closer, in the interest of football fans across America, check out and do something about the collusion that exists between network TV, NFL football team owners, when they black out games in the local viewing areas that are not sold out. Who benefits? NFL team owners. Who's getting paid off? ???

It is very difficult to build a local fan base if fans cannot attend a game via TV. Who is hurt? Local fans, local sports bars and restaurants, local advertisers, local tv stations, local players, local coaches. I urge you to take this on instead. I highly doubt this would cause a 2-year downturn in our economy but would greatly benefit millions of Americans while taking to task the otherwise undetected NFL powerbase.

Thanks for your time,  
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